

Northern Rio Grande Sportsmen's Club

Range Usage During Pandemic (Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun)

The NRGSC board, in consultation with the New Mexico State Police, has voted to reopen our NRGSC ranges subject to the following rules. This notice does not constitute a blanket reopening, rather a limited reopening while the pandemic continues.

Hours are 8 AM – 6 PM for the Rifle Range, Pistol Bays and Archery Range.

The Shotgun Range will be open Sundays at 9:00 and Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30.

Everyone must follow these Guidelines:

- Maintain a distance of at least 6' between you and others.
- Masks are required to be worn by everyone on Club property. You must furnish your own mask.
- We recommend that you wash or sanitize your hands frequently as well as wear gloves. You must provide your own wipes, sanitizer and gloves.
- Avoid touching your face, nose or mouth.
- Sanitize objects touched by others.

Do not come to the club if:

- You have a cough, fever or sore throat.
- You have been exposed to someone with a cough, fever or sore throat.
- You have been exposed or believe you have been exposed to someone who has Coronavirus.
- You have traveled on an airplane during the past 14 days.

Range-Specific Accommodations:

Rifle Range

The Rifle Range currently has 5 shooting stations, which are 10 feet apart. Every station can be used by a maximum of 1 person, which would allow up to 5 individuals at any one time.

Pistol Bays

The pistol range has 3 pistol bays. Bays 1 & 3 are wide enough to accommodate 2 shooters simultaneously. Pistol Bay 2 or the middle bay can only have 1 shooter at any one time.

Archery Range:

Fixed target archery range will be limited to 2 shooters at any one time. The practice 3D range will remain unavailable for now. Use your backside to steady a target while pulling arrows to avoid touching targets.

Shotgun Range:

The shotgun range will be open on Sundays at 9:00 am and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30. Masks and social distancing are MANDATORY at all times.

The Range Manager or Match Director will be responsible to ensure these guidelines are followed. Members who fail to follow the guidelines will be asked to leave the range.

The Match Director will be responsible for opening and closing all buildings. It is recommended that the Match Directors sanitize their hands after handling of the controller, when unlocking or locking buildings and loading clays. The controller should be wiped down before and after each user.

Instructors:

Instructors may conduct firearms safety and proficiency training at the Club if they comply with New Mexico Department of Public Safety guidelines for CCW instructors set forth on page 3.

Scheduled group shooting events will remain unavailable at this time, except for trap and skeet as outlined above. In addition, the Board has decided to put on hold resuming the NRGSC Safety/Orientation Class. The Board will continually review these issues as State Public Health Orders are revised.

We all have some degree of “cabin fever” these last several weeks. The expectation is that our facilities will become constantly used. We ask for your patience now that the ranges are reopening. As circumstances surrounding COVID-19 change, the rules will be modified accordingly.

All Members are to embrace virus safety as diligently as we do firearms / archery safety. Individuals need to hold themselves and each other accountable, same as before. Please politely call out bad behavior directly or report such to a board member.

If we determine that Members are not complying with the social distancing and mask requirements set out in our Guidelines we will be forced to shut down the entire range. Please be reminded, the NRGSC does not pro-rate membership for any reason, therefore no refunds due to any closure of the range.

Link to State Public Health Orders: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders>

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

Concealed carry classes are permitted to begin teaching in person classes and qualifications effective **June 1, 2020** with some restrictions. The department will also begin accepting After Action Reports for classes held on or after June 1, 2020. Conditions set are the following:

- In person classes are limited to 5 people including instructor(s)
- All persons are required to wear masks or some sort of face covering
- All persons must adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain 6 feet apart

What does this mean for you instructors?

- Separate students and workstations in the classroom to 6 feet apart. Adhere to 6 feet social distancing on the range, unless necessary for safety reasons.
- Advise students in advance masks are required to be worn for the duration of the class.
- If a student is sick, advise them to stay home and assist in rescheduling their class for another day.
- Use good hygiene practice

Remind students of extension as noted on the nm.dps.gov website: *“In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, as a precautionary measure the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Law Enforcement Records Bureau, has authorized extending the grace period to renew a Concealed Carry Permit license after expiration date, from 60 days to 120 days. This extension ONLY applies to licenses that expired on or after March 16, 2020, and only applies to the renewal of an application. However, be reminded that: pursuant to NMAC 10.8.2.17(A) (1) ... “If the license has expired, a licensee shall not carry a concealed handgun until he or she receives a renewed license.”*

This extension for renewing expired licenses does not apply to licenses that expired before March 16, 2020; and those that would be suspended or revoked pursuant to the New Mexico Concealed Carry Handgun Act. Licenses that expired on or before March 15, 2020, are still covered by the 60-day period before and after the expiration date to renew the license, as provided by the Concealed Carry Handgun Act. However, if required, management will review on a case-by-case basis.”

Additionally, the concealed carry unit is still closed to the public. All applications will need to be mailed to: Concealed Carry Unit, 6301 Indian School Rd. NE Suite 310, Albuquerque, NM 87110

As always, AAR’s can be mailed or emailed to NMCC.Instructors@state.nm.us. Should you have any questions regarding concealed carry classes or restrictions please email NMCC.Instructors@state.nm.us.